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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN PRINCESSES AND POLITICAL PRISONERS

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1) WE DO NOT THINK IT IS APPROPRIATE OR IN OUR INTEREST TO MAKE DIRECT APPROACHES TO PMG OR OTHER PARTIES SPECIFICALLY AIMED AT OBTAINING INFORMATION ON WELFARE OF SELECTED DETAINEES. WE ARE ALSO NOT IN A POSITION TO SEEK TO HAVE EPMG MOVE DETAINEES TO MORE ACCEPTABLE PLACES OF DETENTION.

2) USUN MAY TELL ZEWDE AND LONDON MAY TELL MENSHA THAT WE HAVE REGULARLY MADE KNOWN TO THE PMG OUR CONCERN FOR THE FATE OF ALL PRISONERS AND WE HAVE URGED ETHIOPIAN AUTHORITIES TO EXTEND HUMANE TREATMENT AND ESCHEW FURTHER
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SUMMARY EXECUTIONS. WE BELIEVE OUR APPROACHES AND THAT OF

OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN PREVENTING SUCH EXECUTIONS SINCE NOVEMBER 23. WHILE WE WILL PASS ON TO ZEWDE AND MENGESHA ANY INFORMATION WHICH WE MAY OBTAIN ON WELFARE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THEY MENTION WE BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE BETTER OFF GOING TO THE INTER-

NATIONAL RED CROSS, WHICH HAS TWICE HAD DIRECT ACCESS TO PRISONERS, AND OTHER HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO ASCERTAIN PRESENT SITUATIONS OF THEIR DETAINED RELATIVES. KISSINGER

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